

To the Honorable Commissioners of the FCC,

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277,
The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership
rules.

I am voicing my support to retain all the FCC rules in question.
These rules set limits on concentration of the broadcast
industry and serve the public interest by preserving diversity of
ownership in the broadcast marketplace.

Our country was founded by people who sought the privilege to
carry on discourse that diverged from the dominant point of
view. Our democracy was incorporated in the spirit of plurality.
And within our democracy it is the very mix of varied sources of
media, a sort of alloy of information, that keeps us strong.

Mass media, often called the fourth estate, enjoys a position of
privilege within our democracy. Without the current public
interest protections that ensure a healthy competition between
media sources, we risk an estate that grows too powerful,
simultaneous with a dramatic weakening of the stimulation of
and opportunity for public discourse. This situation would be
unhealthy for us as citizens, and as a nation.

I urge you to rule in the public interest on this matter. The public
interest will be served by preserving the FCC's Broadcast Media
ownership rules.

Thank you for considering my views,

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